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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEGUCIGALPA 2944

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PBOR, HO

SUBJECT: MELGAR-MOLINA MEETING AND MEETING OF CENTRAL AMERICAN  
PRESIDENTS

REF: TEGUCIGALPA (A) 2868, (B) 2909

1. POLOFF HAD CONVERSATION WITH FONMIN GALVEZ MORNING OF MAY 9.  
REFTEL A OF JULY 3 REPORTED THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY BELIEVED  
THERE WOULD BE NO MEETING BETWEEN CHIEF OF STATE MELGAR AND  
PRESIDENT MOLINA. WHEN QUERIED ABOUT JULY 7 MEETING AT  
EL POY, FONMIN SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT MELGAR HAD DECIDED NOT  
TO SEE MOLINA AT END OF LAST WEEK. ACCORDING TO FONMIN,  
MELGAR CHANGED MIND AND DECIDED TO GO AHEAD WITH MEETING ON  
BORDER IN ORDER TO DAMPEN ANY SALVADORAN REACTIONS WHICH MIGHT  
HAVE ARISEN FROM HONDURAN PROTEST TO OAS ABOUT BORDER INCUR-  
SIONS.

2. FONMIN KNEW NOTHING ABOUT MEETING EXCEPT WHAT HAD  
APPEARED IN BRIEF PRESS STATEMENT. HE WAS NOT PREVIOUSLY  
CONSULTED ABOUT EL POY MEETING NOR HAD HE BEEN INFORMED  
ABOUT WHAT HAD TAKEN PLACE IN MEETING. HE WAS OBVIOUSLY  
CHAGRINED ABOUT HIS LACK OF KNOWLEDGE AND EXPRESSED HIS  
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ANNOYANCE TO POLOFF.

3. HE REITERATED THAT THE JULY 10 PRESIDENTS' MEETING IN COSTA RICA WOULD BE CONCERNED WITH ECONOMIC ISSUES AND WOULD NOT FORMALLY TREAT THE HONDURAS-EL SALVADOR DISPUTE. HE REMARKED THAT HE WOULD BE TALKING TO FONMIN

BORGONOVO DURING MEETING AND THAT DISPUTE WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE DISCUSSED ON AN INFORMAL BASIS. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT HE DID NOT EXPECT ANY SIGNIFICANT ADVANCE TO BE MADE DURING MEETING.

4. FONMIN SAID HE WAS VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE SALVADORAN BORDER INCURSIONS. HE COMMENTED THAT HE HOPED THE COMMITTEE OF SEVEN WOULD ESTABLISH A COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE HONDURAN CHARGES BUT WAS UNSURE HOW THE COMMITTEE WOULD PROCEED. HE REMARKED THAT, AT LEAST FROM HIS VIEWPOINT, PRESIDENTIAL MEETINGS WERE NOT USEFUL ARENAS FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF THE FRONTIER QUESTION.

5. FONMIN SAID HE WOULD CALL POLOFF WHEN HE RETURNED FROM COSTA RICA TO DISCUSS HIS IMPRESSIONS OF THE MEETING.  
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